

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Maki KATO et al.

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For: DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated June 21, 2000, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-4, and 15; Group II, claims 4-9 and 15-16; Group III, claims 10-15. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-4, and 15 drawn to surface detail/characteristics with traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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